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Members of the Greenville Composite Squadron, the Carolina Soaring Association and the Triple Tree RC Club came together August 7 - 10 for a weekend of camping and flying at the Triple Tree Aerodrome. The event was primarily a CAP Cadet activity, with a total of 16 Cadets flying in both the CAP's Glider and the CSA's two place trainer. Gliders were towed aloft by the CSA's AgCat Tow plane, and launched using a Winch. Cadets also received 'Radio Control Ground School' when not flying. Most Cadets also had the opportunity to fly the RC aircraft under the guidance of Club members using the 'Buddy Box' system. Several Cadets showed a great deal of promise as RC Pilots.



Elements of all three organizations arrived at the aerodrome early in the afternoon of Friday, August 7 and immediately went to work. Camp was established near the main hanger, and then everyone 'broke out the gear' and started flying. Five O-Flights, 4 cadets and one Senior Member, were conducted before the 'lift' died out in the evening.

Cadets also began flying the RC aircraft almost immediately.

Senior Members were also well represented. A total of five non-pilot Senior Members got their first ride in a Glider. Several Seniors also joined the Cadets for the RC Ground School. members worked Safety, Operations and Logistics. SM's Blanca Roman, Myra Mcrumm and Sponsor Member Becky Anderson ran the kitchen for this outing, feeding members of all three organizations, and the Aerodrome staff all weekend.

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Saturday evening the event was visited by Wing Commander Col. Emerson Smith, and Mrs. Smith. The Smiths attended the events Bar-b-que and received a tour of the Triple Tree Facility. Cadets and Senior Members also had the opportunity to talk with Col. Smith in an informal setting.



This was the Greenville Squadron's second 'Glider Weekend' at Triple Tree this year. At the earlier event 19 Cadets were flown, but there was no RC training. All involved agreed that the RC Training was a welcome addition, and it will be continued at future events.

O-Flights were provided by 'newly minted' O-Flight Pilot Stuart Jackson, of Greenville and James Wasness, of Spartanburg. Also in attendance, in her capacity as a member of CSA, was Cadet Sarah Sill of Spartanburg. Cadet Sill was working as part of the winch crew and, a Glider Pilot, managed to get some flying of her own in.



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